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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECRUITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ADVISERS

REF: A. JIDDA 2188; B. STATE 119179; C. JIDDA 2679; C. STATE
128857; E. STATE 142089; F. JIDDA 2409

1. HAVING TOLD MININFO THREE WEEKS AGO THAT BANKS HAD ALREADY DEPARTED US ON WAY TO SAUDI ARABIA (REF D), EMBASSY WOULD FIND IT AWKWARD TO REPORT HE STILL IN VIRGINIA AND APPARENTLY HAS NO PLANS VISIT KINGDOM IN NEAR FUTURE. ACCORDINGLY, URGE DEPT TO OBTAIN ASAP, AS REQUESTED REF C, ESTIMATED COSTS OF SERVICES OF BANKS OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED EVALUATE LIST OF NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, AND ALLOW MINISTRY DECIDE WHETHER THEY WISH PAY FOR OUR SERVICES OR NOT. (FYI: IN ABSENCE ANY POSITIVE USG RESPONSE SINCE RECEIPT OF FORMAL REQUEST MAY 27, WE BELIEVE MINISTRY HAS BEGUN LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR ASSISTANCE END FYI.)

2. EMBASSY AGREES THAT THERE ARE DISADVANTAGES TO MINISTRY HIRING FIVE INDIVIDUALS ON DIRECT CONTRACT. WE UNDERSTAND REASONS WHY CONTRACT WITH RELIABLE AMERICAN FIRM ADVANTAGEIOUS; HAD ALSO THOUGHT THAT AID MIGHT ITSELF SUPPLY, OR CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN FIRM FOR THE SUPPLY OF THESE PERSONNEL AS EXAMPLE OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED UNDER USAID UMBRELLA AGREEMENT (PROPOSED FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION--REF F). ONCE A QUALIFIED PERSON ARRIVES IN COUNTRY TO ASSIST MINISTRY IN REVIEWING REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS OF ADVISERS, WE BELIEVE A DISCUSSION OF THESE POINTS COULD ENSUE. IMPORTANT POINT NOW IS TO
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GO TO MINISTRY WITH POSITIVE RESPONSE. WE LEAVE TO AID WHETHER

PAGE ENGINEERING'S BANKS OR FEDERAL ELECTRIC CORP. PROPOSED REF
E, OR SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE, BEST SOURCE FOR EXPERT TO UNDERTAKE
INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY.

3. FYI: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED JULY 21 COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM BANKS
INQUIRING AS TO WHY EMBASSY TRYING CONTACT HIM. HE MAY BE REACHED
AT PAGE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERS, 801 FOLLIN LANE, VIENNA,
VIRGINIA, 22180.
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